

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



ST. MARK'S BOTTINEAU & ST. ANDREW'S WESTHOPE

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., July 7, 5:30 p.m. († Bill Nero)	St. Mark's
Sun., July 8, 9:00 a.m. († Shawna Deschamp)	St. Andrew's
Sun., July 8, 11:00 a.m. (Parishioners)	St. Mark's
Tues., July 10, 12:00 noon († Tom & Priscilla Fischer)	St. Mark's
Wed., July 11, 7:30 a.m. († Duane Sebelius)	St. Mark's
Thurs., July 12, 9:00 a.m. († Lucy Jelleberg)	St. Andrew's
Fri., July 13, 8:00 a.m. († Steven Davis)	St. Mark's
Sat. July 14, 5:30 p.m. († Al & Mary Pugh)	St. Mark's
Sun., July 15, 9:00 a.m. (Parishioners)	St. Andrew's
Sun., July 15, 11:00 a.m. († Anthony Dukeman)	St. Mark's

UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Andrew's
St. Mark's**

Send us a picture of your St. Isidore cross in action!

Teresa Pokiva has farm-fresh eggs for sale. \$3/dozen.
Text 701-871-0460. So fresh you get to wash them yourself!



**Session III—Camp of the Cross,
Garrison, ND, July 18-22.**

**Session IV—Pelican Lake,
Turtle Mtns, July 25-29.**

Register at [https://](https://www.trinityyouthcampnd.com/)

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Scholarships available. Call the Parish Office.

"Trinity Youth Camp's mission is to bring children of our Catholic faith together to rekindle within them the fire and love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in a natural camp environment, where they are accepted as they are, formed in our faith, and encouraged to further unfold the mystery of God."



Stewardship Moment: "As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" - Ezekiel 2:2-3

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called.

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Belcourt Teen A.C.T.S. retreat on July 26-29. Open to all incoming 9th graders to graduating 12th graders. Meals, housing and supervision all provided. For more info or to sign up call, Brenda Trottier at 477-6288 or Amanda Eastbrook at 413-364-4099.



Adoration • Community • Theology • Service

Report for June 30-July 1

St. Andrew's:		St. Mark's	
Adult env.	\$ 120.00	Adult env.	\$ 2458.00
Plate	\$ 21.00	Plate	\$ 272.00
Children	\$ 4.00	Children	\$ 58.00

Lake Metigoshe Chapel	\$	141.04
Building Improvement Fund:	\$	791.00



Home Communion

Any St. Mark parishioners desiring Holy Communion at home, call Claudia Trebas (228-2339) by Monday evening to be put on the list. To add or remove a name, please contact Deb Wyman at 245-6538 or the parish office at 228-3164.



PrayerLine PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **MILITARY PERSONNEL & THEIR FAMILIES:**

Vilma Moncera, Shirley Pasicznyk, Craig Dix, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike & Diane Lee, Rick Hummel, LaVonne Janzen, Erica Leister Carlson, Karlee McCloud, Laurie Steinhaus, Brenda Marquardt, Judy Roedukr, Doris Hart, Marie Vargo, Mary Holen, Margaret Sebelius, Francis Kritzberger, Bud Woeste, Harvey Soland, Erika Hamilton, Crystal Grenier, Russ & Jan Picard, and any special private intentions.

St. Andrew's Health Center: Marion Honer, Barney Honer

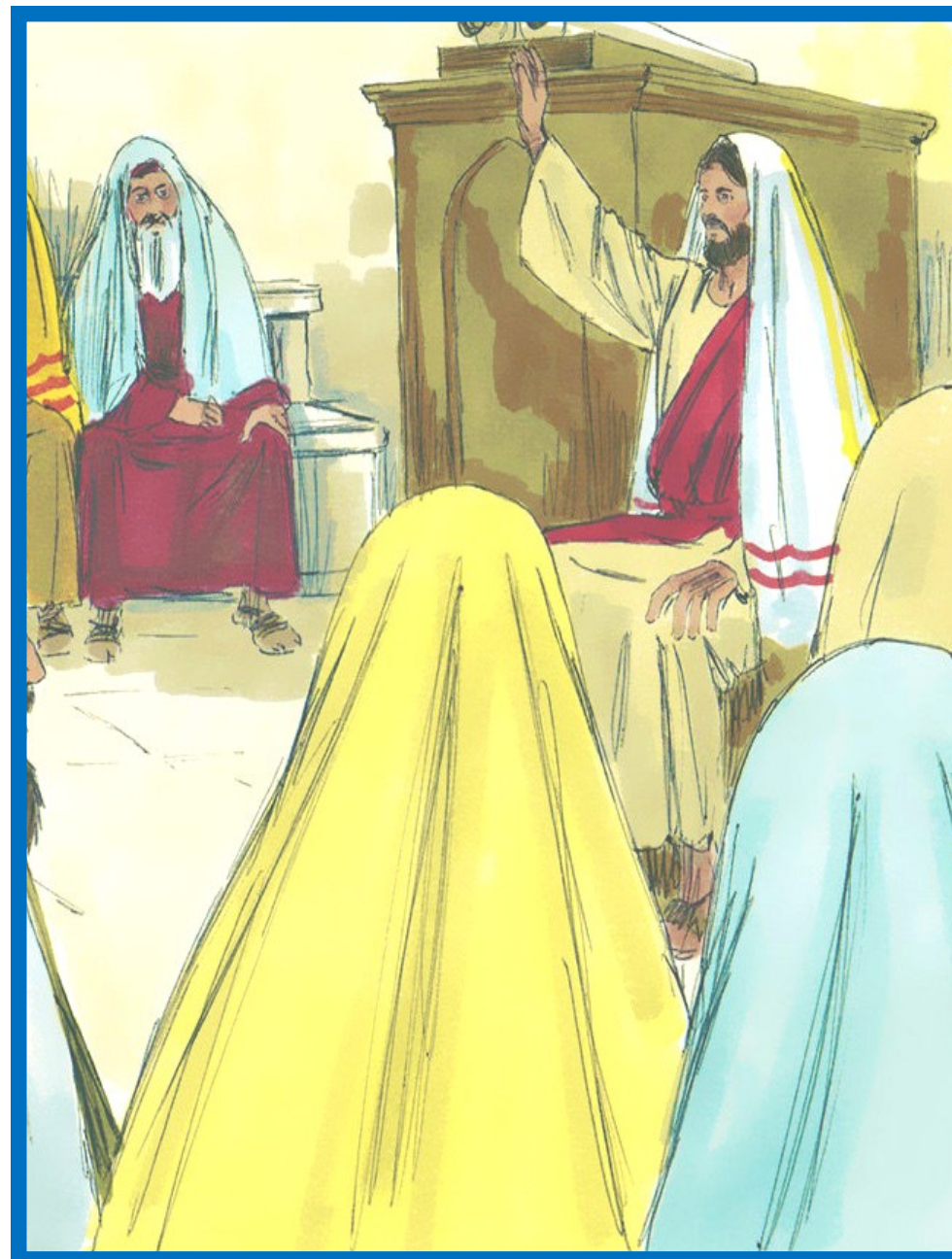
Good Sam: Regan Benning, Maria Barballa, Pete Anderson, Ronnie Houle, Ernie Houle, Jane Kuntz, Shirley Pasicznyk.

Edgewood Vista: Eileen Lahr

The Wellington: Ray and Donna Sharkey



Rosary @ St Mark's: 5 pm, Saturday



When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

Mark 6: 2

PARISH STAFF

Fr Michael Hickin, Pastor
Vickie Gangl, Secretary
Cathy Miller, Custodian
Patty Graber, Custodian

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Valerie Heth, DRE at
St. Andrew's Parish

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm, Bottineau
Saturday 8:00 pm, Lake Chapel
Sunday 9:00 am, Westhope
And 11:00 am, Bottineau

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 4:30 pm, Bottineau
Sunday, 8:30 am, Westhope
Or by Appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm

July 7-8, 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

From the Pastor's Pen

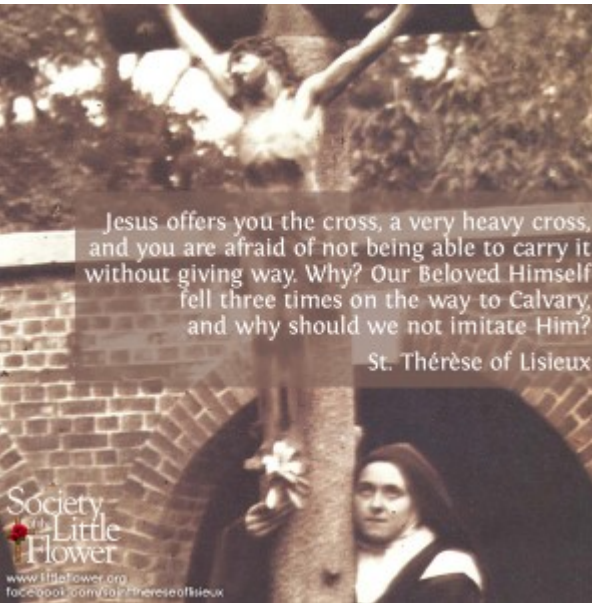


"WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG" (2 Cor 12:10). We hear St. Paul make this strange claim in today's 2nd reading. What's his point?



He is talking about "a thorn in the flesh that was given to me" (2 Cor 12:7). We don't know exactly what he's alluding to. Probably some form of suffering or temptation that he couldn't shake. He prayed God to deliver him from it, begged three times in fact. But the Lord said Paul could handle whatever it was; he just needed to lean on God's promise of grace.

This is wisdom we're probably more familiar with than we think. Bodybuilders wear t-shirts that say "No pain, no gain" or "If it hurts, it works". The principle at work there is simple: resistance builds strength. Paul is dealing with some uncomfortable issue. God is telling him it's good for him; it'll make him spiritually powerful. The arm curling a dumbbell or swinging a shovel is aching, but is also growing in strength. We struggle to see this when it's an ache that is not physical.



Growth comes at a price, an effort. Strangely enough, we still manage to complain when this wisdom gets applied "to me!"

Like Ezekiel in the first reading and Jesus in the Gospel, St. Paul has to carry out a work God has given him in the face of resistance and difficulties.

Where's the resistance coming from in your life? How are you fighting it? Have you, like Paul, asked to have it removed? Can't weakness, a spell of helplessness, call us to prayer? But if even after that it still persists, can you accept that maybe this is precisely the path God wants you to walk.

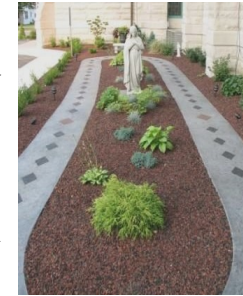
Like Paul, maybe we can hear the Lord say, "My grace is sufficient for you." Then, with the Lord's 'go-ahead', we can respond, "I will gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Praise God, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong" (2Cor 12:8-10).

Can you name a weakness that, by the grace of God, you're proud of? Hmm.

IF IT DOESN'T CHALLENGE YOU, IT WON'T CHANGE YOU.

ONGOING UPKEEP – a new thermostat is going in St. Mark's social hall, the donated sprinkler system is installed, but not yet functioning; the courtyard garden is in the process of getting an overhaul. Research is being done on some wrought iron railings for the front steps.

AT ST. ANDREW'S: Next steps include: pouring a pad for the grotto for the Mary statue, putting in a Rosary walkway around the shrine area, hauling in some top soil, laying a weed barrier, bringing in some rock and fresh plants, building the grotto, and returning the statues to their renovated home for decades to come. Shown here are some ideas for our imagination.



Hey crafters and artists! We are looking for scrapbook paper, cardstock, old and new greeting cards of any kind, card envelopes, (and/or postage stamps -if you want) for Social Concerns card sending ministry. Any of these items can be dropped off at the Parish office. If anyone would like to be part of a group to make cards to be sent out, call the office at 228-3164. Thank you!

HOST HOMES NEEDED FOR NET RETREAT TEAM ON OCTOBER 26-28. There will be 6 men and 6 women on the team. They can double up in the beds. An evening snack will need to be provided on October 26 when they arrive. They will also need breakfast before they leave on Sunday. The other meals will be provided at the Social hall during the retreat. Please call Patty Graber at 871-0394 or the Parish office at 228-3164. **WE NEED TO KNOW BEFORE JULY 25 SO THAT WE CAN GET THE PAPERWORK IN TO THE NET TEAM.**

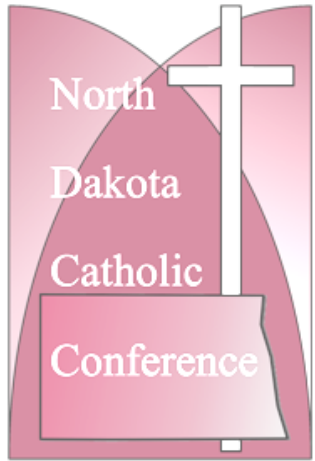
CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ND SPEAK ON IMMIGRATION. In a July 4th statement, Bishop David Kagan of Bismarck and Bishop John Folda of Fargo urge Catholics and all people of good will to put aside partisanship and work "toward a system that protects our security while also respecting the dignity and safety of immigrants." "These two aims are not mutually exclusive," they stated.

Entitled "*Service to the Family*," the bishops' statement says that the family must be at the center of the debate. "The preeminent and fundamental institution for safeguarding and promoting the life and dignity of every human person is the human family. For this reason, the family has a primacy that should not be violated by the government except in the most extreme cases when it is necessary to protect a person's life." They add: "all other principles for immigration policies can be seen as flowing from society's service to the family."

Among those principles is the right to secure their borders in a manner that does not violate the basic rights and dignity of immigrants or the primacy of the family. At the same time, immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the country that receives them, to obey its laws, and to assist in carrying civic burdens.

On the issue of separating immigrant children from their families, the bishops state: "The family is so vitally important, not only to a child's life, but also to society as a whole, that children should be removed from their family caregiver only when, through due process, it is established that removal is necessary to protect the child from harm. Merely crossing the border without authorization does not meet this threshold."

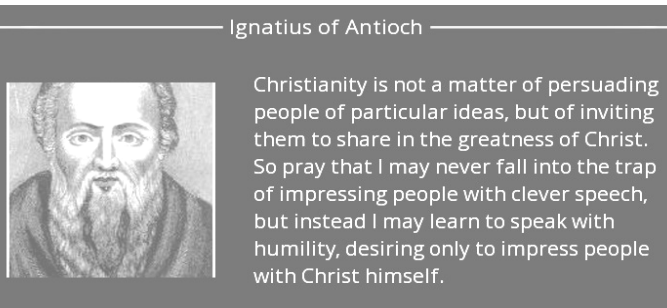
Fixing the system, the bishops state, is not just a responsibility of Congress and the President. "The moral obligation rests with all of us according to our own capacities." The full statement is at: <http://ndcatholic.org/immigrationstmt/>



From the Catholic Rural Life Prayer Book:

PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS FOR GENEROSITY

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve You as You deserve:
To give, and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labor and not to ask for reward,
Except that of knowing that I am doing Your will. Amen.



BLESSING OF ALL KINDS OF FRUIT TREES AND VINES

- V.** Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- R.** Who has made heaven and earth.
- V.** The Lord be with you.
- R.** And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

We beg You in Your goodness, almighty God, to pour showers of Your blessing upon these newly budding trees and vines which You have made, and which You have been so kind as to nourish with temperate weather and sufficient rain. Bring the fruits of Your earth to full ripeness. Grant, too, that Your people may always give You thank for Your gifts, so that You may fill them that are hungry with the fruits of a fertile land and that the poor and the needy may praise the glory of Your name, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.
(And they are sprinkled with holy water.)

St. Andrew's Ministries for July 15th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS	COUNTERS
Sun.	Tom & Roberta	Paulette Martin	Ellsworth Family		Lenny Artz/ Mike Artz	Howard & Roger

St. Mark's Ministries for July 14th – 15th

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	READER	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	COUNTERS
Sat.	Bread: Julie Hoffman Darlene Olson/Vickie Gangl	Susan Haberman	Ramona Johnson/ Carla Eisenzimmer	Merle Allard/ Matt Brandjord	Joyce Bursinger/ Cynthia Kihle	Emma Haberman	
Sun.	Bread: Vicki Boehnke	Jerry Migler	Jessica Tagestad Family	Rob McGhan/ Evan St. Michel	Wayne & Janell Barbot	Logan & Riley Biberdorf	Priscilla Sturdevant/ Paul & Donna Johnson